

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/516,331

Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment after Non-Final dated 1/26/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-4.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT AND STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ms. Catherine M. Voorhees on February 28, 2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the amended claims (filed on 1/26/07):

On page 3, line 2 of claim 2: insert "—long flat shaped—" in between "each" and "panel" for clarity.

On page 3, line 7 of claim 2: delete "the panel" and replace with "—a long flat shaped panel—" for clarity.

On page 3, line 12 of claim 2: delete "which the" and replace with "—which a—" for clarity.

On page 3, line 13 of claim 2: delete "a" in front of "long flat shaped panel" and replace with "—the—" for clarity.

On page 3, line 13 of claim 2: delete "the" in front of "second grove" and replace with "—a—" for clarity.

On page 3, line 18 of claim 2: delete "an" and replace with "—the—" for clarity.

On page 3, line 19 of claim 2: delete "its" and replace with "—the—" for clarity.

On page 4, line 22 of claim 2: insert “—one another—” in between “overlapping” and “,” for clarity.

On page 4, line 22 of claim 2: delete “an” and replace with “—the—” for clarity.

On page 4, line 1 of claim 3: delete “A” and replace with “—The—” for clarity.

On page 4, line 3 of claim 3: delete “the panel” and replace with “—each of the long shaped flat panel” for clarity.

On page 4, line 5 of claim 3: delete “the attachment panel” and replace with “—each of the attachment panels” for clarity.

On page 4, line 7 of claim 3: insert “—long shaped—” in between “a” and “flat panel” for clarity.

On page 4, line 7 of claim 3: insert “—long shaped flat—” in between “when” and “panels” for clarity.

On page 4, line 1 of claim 4: delete “A” and replace with “—The—” for clarity.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: None of the prior art alone or in combination, teaches, discloses, or suggests Applicant's invention of a rail type fixing apparatus in combination with long flat shaped panels wherein a long shaped rail with a lower surface, which is placed on an attachment surface, and upper surface on which a long flat shaped panel is mounted, and a guide groove extending in the longitudinal direction of the rail; a plurality of attachment panels each having a bottom surface where the plurality of attachment panels are guided in the guide groove and installed movably in the longitudinal direction of the rail, and having a hook

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projection extending from the top surface thereof to which a first hook groove of the long flat shaped panel and a second groove of a neighboring long flat shaped panel are hooked and maintained, and which is projected in an upper direction and formed in a direction perpendicular to the longitudinal direction of the rail; and an elastic member arranged elastically between an attachment panel and an adjacent attachment panel in order to have respective hook projections drawn toward each other by the elastic restoring force of the elastic member; wherein the plurality of attachment panels are arranged in a line, without overlapping on another, in the rail and adjacent attachment panels are tensioned by the elastic member.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christine T. Cajilig whose telephone number is (571) 272-8143. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 9am - 5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lanna Mai can be reached on (571)272-6867. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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